

WIOA Guiding Principles: submitted for consideration by SBCTC and AEAC

Vision

All Washingtonians, particularly those with barriers to employment, will have access to innovative, high quality 21st Century workforce training and education programs and support services that provide the knowledge, skills and credentials necessary for securing living-wage employment that strengthens the state and local economies.

Mission

Washington state's workforce investment system improves the quality and labor market relevance of workforce investment, education and economic development to provide the state's workers with the skills and credentials necessary to secure and advance in employment with living-wages and provides the state's employers with the skilled workers needed to prosper in the global economy.

Goals

- Meet the needs of employers by implementing and scaling guided college and career pathways that provide targeted, accelerated workforce investment activities through a state-wide workforce development system that increases the employment, retention, and earning of participants, and increases attainment of recognized industry and postsecondary credentials by participants, and as a result improves the quality of the workforce, reduces welfare dependency, and increases economic self-sufficiency.
- Align investments in workforce, education and economic development to regional in-demand jobs by providing access to a high quality statewide system of one-stop centers which directly provide navigational and targeted employment services and connects customers to work-related training and education.
- Expand opportunities for employers and participants to engage in integrated learning and work experience activities that provide internships, job shadowing experiences, apprenticeships, employer led class projects and training a part of workforce education experiences.